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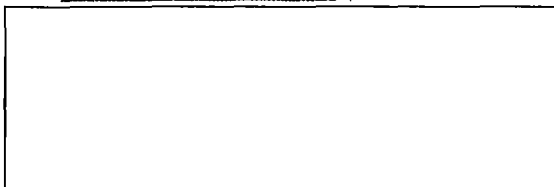
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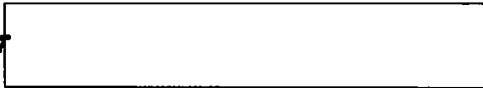


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### *Key Current Warning Issues*

*The DCI Strategic Warning Committee considers the following the most critical warning issues during the next few weeks.* [REDACTED]

**Venezuela.** President Chavez is facing continued strong opposition from the private sector, the media, the Catholic Church, and opposition political parties angered by a host of laws he decreed in December. Military officers are accusing Chavez directly of creating unacceptable conditions for the country and the services. Disgruntled officers are planning a coup, although the military and the opposition as a whole appear to prefer that Chavez be removed from office by constitutional means. An attempted coup would risk considerable violence and a severe crackdown by Chavez on any domestic opposition. Chavez has denied claims that elements of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia have sanctuary in Venezuela and is demanding Colombia explain these accusations. [REDACTED]

*The DCI Strategic Warning Committee, chaired by the National Intelligence Officer for Warning, comprises representatives from the Directors of the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency; the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.* [REDACTED]

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